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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior pending application number 09/693615 filed on October 20, 2000 entitled FILE FOLDER AND METHOD by the following inventors:

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1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior patent application containing 35 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims and 42 sheet(s) of drawings, 1 page(s) of abstract. Also enclosed are copies of the Declaration and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.)

☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. ☐ Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the next number after the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

4. ☒ Please amend SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification by deleting the current "Related Applications" paragraph, and replacing with:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation application of copending United States Patent Application No. 09/693615, filed on October 20, 2000, which was a continuation-in-part application of United States Application No: 09/235974, filed on January 22, 1999, which issued as United States Patent No: 6,352,286 on March 5, 2002, which was a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 08/418,522, filed on April 7, 1995, which issued as United States Patent No. 5,906,397 on May 25, 1999.

5. ☐ Small entity status
 - a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
 - b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior non provisional application.
 - c. ☐ is no longer claimed.

The filing fee is calculated below

CLAIMS				
	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	35	15	X \$18.00	\$ 270.00
Indep. Claims	3	0	X \$84.00	\$ 0
Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 0
Basic Fee				\$ 750.00
TOTAL				\$1020.00

6. ☒ Payment of fees
☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
☐ Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038.
☒ Is deferred
7. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16-1.18 to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.
8. ☐ The priority of _____ application number _____, filed _____, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
☐ A certified copy has been filed in prior application number _____, filed _____.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to The Smead Manufacturing Company recorded at reel 11684 and frame 794.
10. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventor named in the prior application. Please delete the following inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, and copies of Form PTO 1449 and 892 from prior application
12. ☒ New Correspondence Address
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13. ☒ Address all correspondence to Michael B. Lasky.
14. ☐ A petition to extend the term in the prior application from _____ to _____ is enclosed. A check in the amount of _____ for the above reference extension is enclosed.
15. ☐ Also enclosed:

16. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

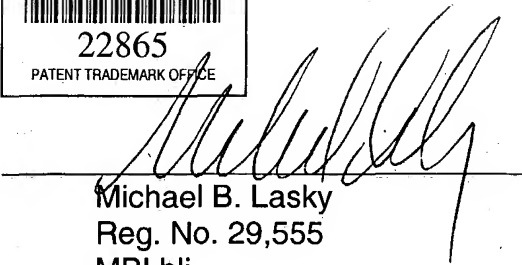
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